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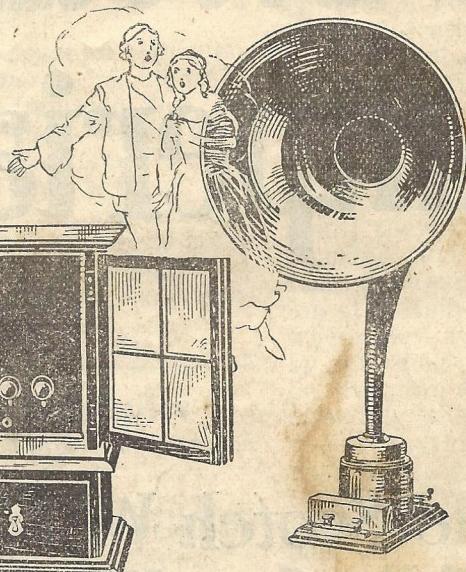
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N.S. Rangers v Bondi Waratah Park, 1.45.
Bondi Beach v Rose Bay, Central Park No. 12, 3.15.
Tingira the bye.

B Grade.

Waverley Rovers v Bondi Waratah Park No. 13, 1.
Bondi Waratah v Vaucluse Park No. 12, 3.15.
Tingira v Daceyville Rovers Park No. 13, 3.15.

C Grade.

Bondi Waratah v Waverley Park No. 5, 1.
Waratah Juniors v Waverley Park No. 5.
Bondi Beach v Long Bay Park No. 5, 3.5.
Central Sports the bye.

Last Saturday's Results All Age.

North Sydney Rangers v Bay, 0—13.
Bondi Beach v Tingira 4—
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Bondi Waratah v Waverley Park No. 5—0.
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Interpretation of the Laws

It is unfortunate that many in the rank and file of present referees, as well as a considerable proportion of players and club officials, attach a deal more importance to letter than the spirit of laws of the game. In their estimation every possible contingency is provided for in the fifteen laws of football, should a referee give an award somewhat out of the common, for which he is unaccustomed, to quote chapter and verse, he is metaphorically condemned.

It may be admitted, of course, that in the majority of instances the letter and the spirit agree, and on this account no deviation from a well-established decision should be tolerated. Furthermore, referees are not allowed to interpret the laws as they see fit, but circumstances allow exceptions, and occasionally a referee is confronted with an unusual situation, demanding careful handling and prompt judgment. Perhaps his decision may be palpably wrong, even then, unless he is a man of long experience, a referee under such trying conditions is more or less excusable. On the other hand, the referee may give rise to considerable criticism, simply because it is according to the letter rather than the spirit of the law. However fairly the award may fit in with the circumstances, it will be found

that the bulk of dissenters base their attitude solely on the literal reading of some particular law.

This is never a safe plan, for the laws are meant to be read in conjunction, but, according to these people, a referee must be a kind of automatic machine, without any personality in his composition. Should he dare to apply the laws in an unorthodox yet intelligent manner, he is looked at askance.

Generally speaking, referees do not seem to have fully grasped the extent of their powers. Though endowed with autocratic authority even to the extent of enforcing the laws and settling all disputes, initiative in many respects is lacking.

In addition, and this is perhaps the most important point, they are expressly instructed that they may refrain from putting the provision of certain laws into effect when they are satisfied that by enforcing them they would be giving an advantage to the offending side. This, if it means anything, surely implies that a great deal is left to the discretion of the referee; but that, in choosing one out of two possible awards, both correct, he should give the one conforming with the spirit of the game rather than another based on the literal reading of some particular portion of the text.

In the match at the Sydney Cricket Ground, No. 2, last week, the referee erred on several occasions in not intelligently interpreting the advantage rule. The result of pulling up the game for an offence committed by the defending side certainly militated against the possibility of the attacking forwards reaping the reward of co-ordinated effort. Such decisions tend to slow the game, and irritate both players and onlookers.

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THE SHOULDER CHARGE.

(By an Old Player.)

From time to time I have heard with interest, different views on the various aspects of the game, particularly the referee's abhorrence of charging, which has been commented on again recently by one of our players.

As one who has had ample opportunity of studying the game on both sides of the world, I should like to make a comparison, in which, I may add, I will make no assertions, but simply give you my impressions. These, of course, must be taken generally, for no doubt it will be comparatively easy to quote cases to prove the reverse.

Not long ago I accompanied a first grade team. One of the party was a Scotchman, who had had considerable experience of Scottish League football. "Why was it," asked he, "That I was continually pulled up by the referee, when I charged a man. I have never been penalised before for the things I did to-day."

Illegal Charging.

Now this particular player had been guilty repeatedly of illegal charging, and the referee rightly awarded free kicks in each case. The player had made use of his elbows, half pushed his opponent, or deliberately obstructed him. Rarely did he meet his man shoulder to shoulder. This brings me to the main points in my article. I am of the opinion that there is too much leniency shown towards a charge which is not quite fair. It is almost unnecessary to add, however, that I have seen games conducted and played in such a manner as would have provided an object lesson to any referee or player. Such games are far from being the exception. But, in my opinion, a charge which contains the elements of both a push and obstruction stands a likelier chance of passing unquestioned in most of the matches to-day. The difference between the honest shoulder charge and the dishonest may in some cases appear slight, but it is always apparent, and

there can be no confusing of the two, and while the cry may be for the good old-fashioned charge, let us have it clean.

A Help to the Referee.

A few things we must make a note of lest we advertise our ignorance. A goal can now be scored direct from a corner kick. This will ease the referee, and will save him craning his neck and performing acrobatic stunts to see whether it was touched before the whole of the ball had crossed the goal line. It will obviate a lot of useless wrangling and bad language, and the referee has got rid of one prolific source of criticism and abuse. The referee has now more definite instructions on off-side and stoppages for slight and imaginary injuries. Dealing with the question of movements of players, entitling a referee to penalise a player for off-side. Let me again emphasise that interference with play must be real. It may be actual or it may be produced by the movement of a player towards an opponent or the ball, but a player who is in an out-of-play position who does nothing to interfere with an opponent or the play is not off-side. Every referee should take as his motto—

Keep the Game Going.

To see a referee doubled up and spying for a player yards away from play, or an opponent six inches in front of the ball when last played by one of his own side, or lacking the three necessary opponents in front of him, does not add to the dignity of the referee, or his office. There is no need for him to ape the scarecrow. He may reveal excellent vision, but manifest an utter lack of judgment.

The Referee's Opportunity.

In the past some players have proved pastmasters in the art of fooling the referee. To fool a referee may be easy. Now is the time for referees to prove it is not as easy as it looks. To see a player full of pretence inducing the referee to blow his whistle and stop play. And then find the player jump up all smiles when he finds that by his ruse he has saved danger to his side, and the ball has been sent yards away whilst the referee was not looking.

Can anyone tell me how it that the injured player always belongs to the team in difficulty?

Now, Mr. Referee, don't be frightened. Many a player had the laugh at you. There is no need to be hard-hearted, there is a time for everything and it is not the time to stop the game because a player is bowled over by a good shoulder charge but keep the game going.

The referee has now greater power than previously. If he controls the players and the game eliminate temper and feeling will materially reduce the number of injuries and stoppages.

A Word to Watchers.

Those of us who watch the game will render valuable assistance to referees and players if we restrain our criticism until the game is over. Players and officials do their best, and will do all better if we refrain from interfering.

We are looking for better control, and I think the game will be better refereed if the referee shoulders his responsibility and regards his linesmen as assistants rather than props. The referee must have confidence in his linesmen. The best work of referees and linesmen are essential for factory control.

Every one should remember that the old days when referees were a picnic have gone. The way to get a pleasant Saturday afternoon nowadays is to do duty courageously, fairly, faithfully.

THE REFEREES.

The Sydney Referees' Association will hold their annual meeting in No. 3 Room, Sports Club, on Monday, 1st, at 8 p.m. All members and intending members are requested to be present.

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The N.S.W.R.A. (Sub-committee) Examination Board will be in Sydney for the purpose of conducting an examination on May, 1925. Referees desirous of sitting are requested to give their names with the Hon. Secretary, Sydney Referees' Association, immediately.

ENGLISH SOCCER TEAM.

A CRITICAL REVIEW.

From the Brisbane "Telegraph,"
By an Eminent London Critic.

Some of the English writers have attempted to throw cold water on the team of Association players selected to tour Australia. This is because several big names were missing, and a little, perhaps, because every team yet chosen in any sport is bound to be criticised. For my part, I am glad to see some of the younger men given a chance. Every member of the touring side is either an international or a potential player for his country. The Football Association were of necessity limited in their choice because the cup competition is not yet over at the time of writing, but they seem to have got together the ideal for the peculiar conditions met with in Australia.

Therein lay the difficulty. The English football season has been wet, and a hard ground has been unknown. Young players are available and will be better able to settle down to the light ball and faster game it entails than the brigade, who have predominated in our recent representative matches.

A ground on the soft side gives an artist at ball-control a good chance to show his cleverness, and perhaps the short-passing game when the going is dry and the ball is bouncy, the football may be as scientific or pretty to watch, but it is liable to be faster and more exciting, and it certainly calls for extreme fitness.

The second and third divisions of the League produce men better suited for this class of play than first, so, as most of the tourists are drawn from these, they should have a successful time. Truly enough, the most important first League players chosen are men of the same type. There are Spencer, the Newcastle half-back, and John Elkes of the Spurs.

Elkes is a tall youth, who had his first cap last season in a friendly match with Scotland at Wembley Stadium. He did well because he was opposed by a very clever inside trio of for-

wards, who played a style of Soccer with which he was not acquainted. A couple of weeks later, on the same ground, however, he helped his club, Newcastle, to beat Aston Villa in the cup final. On that occasion, his play was brilliant. He has reproduced it as a general rule this season, and there is no doubt he will be one of the big successes of the tour.

Elkes looks like making an even bigger hit. When I visited him in his dressing room after morning training at Tottenham a few days after he had heard he had been selected, he was singing loudly, if not tunefully, and he told me how delighted he was to have the chance to appear before Australian crowds.

Elkes, who scored a goal for the English League against the Scottish on March 14, is the hardest worker I know on the field, and a very effective one too. He is an inside left, with a penchant for foraging, and one often sees him dashing back to extricate the defence from an awkward tangle, and even sprinting down the wing. This would be a fault in some players, but it is not with the Spur, for he always conveys his intention to his colleagues.

Hardy, the goalkeeper, is something of a character, and another man who will make a name for himself with Australian crowds. He is no relation to the great Sam Hardy, but has already played for his country, and gives promise of repeating the performance a good many times more. He holds a record for consecutive appearances for his club, and is as safe between the sticks as they make 'em.

I expect Australians will like Graham, the Millwall wing half back. Even to London writers who naturally get more chance of seeing metropolitan players in action than provincials, his form this year has been a revelation. Many were amused when he was picked in the trial match, South v. North, and amazed when he straightway played himself into the England team. There are some more youngsters in the side you will soon be seeing with just as big possibilities.

Billy Williams is one. He was a schoolboy international born and bred on West Ham's doorstep. As soon as he was old enough to become a professional they secured his signature. At that time he was a centre forward. With the club possessing

another man for this position—Victor Watson, the ex-international—it was decided to try the youngster as inside partner to him. From the very first game the experiment was a great success, and in half a season Williams has become one of the best young forwards in the country. This tour will add to his experience, and do him all the good in the world.

Williams has a fine tenor voice, and will entertain his fellow players on tour, as well as many church-goers in Australia.

It is a curious fact that, with so many leading English footballers the subject of tall transfer fees, none of them are in this team. I fancy the reason is that club managers are realising the folly of paying thousands of pounds for men who may get crocked in their very first match with their new teams, and are trying to develop local talent. Thus we find no expensive men among the younger generation.

I do not suppose football has yet become a vast commercial proposition in Australia, and I hope it never will.

The transfer system here is nothing short of farcical, and it was made even more so a few weeks go by the case of Pape. This player was the Notts County centre forward at the beginning of the season. Then he was transferred to Clapton Orient. After a few games, he apparently became dissatisfied with his club and mysteriously lost his form—a way with some professionals who desire to change their quarters. He went up with the team one Saturday morning to Manchester as the Orient centre, but

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3—J. Fisher	4—G. Storey	5—W. Byers	
6—F. Baxter	7—H. McLeod	9—F. Hancock	10—C. Brennan
		8—J. Sinclair	O
			8—Dryden
10—Basterfield	9—Rushton	7—R. Maitland	6—H. Bro
5—Peell	4—A. Thomson	3—C. O'Connor	
2—J. Comrie		1—Booth	Manson

EASTERN SUBURBS. (Red, Blue and White)

Referee: Mr. W. Wright.

Reserves—Balmain: Backs: 1—R. Leadbetter; Forwards: 12—Buttel.

Reserves—Eastern Suburbs: 11—D. Christie.

SECOND GRADE — 1.45 p.m.

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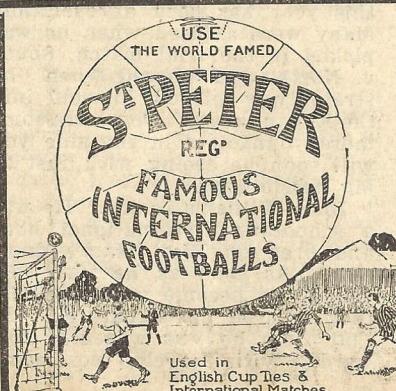
W. Hughes

1—R. Leadbetter	13—H. Bridge		
15—W. Ferguson	16—L. Jelfs	14—R. White & 17—S. Jeff	
		(one to be omitted).	
24—F. Jelfs	22—Blackwood	12—W. Buttel	19—E. Hey
		21—W. Orr	O
		18—Hetherington	
20—Hunt	19—Cook	17—Miller	16—Poind
17—Gray		16—Wilkins	15—Raften
14—Dyer		13—A. Rigby	Jarvis

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Lavender	8—C. Graham	10—F. Melliar-Smith
7—C. Hayes	11—H. G. Sherrington	

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8—W. McCarthy		
9—Kelly	7—Welsh	6—Edwards

—C. Timms 4—G. Crawford 3—J. Cohen

2—S. Robinson 1—T. Bourke

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Goal:

PYRMONT
 (Blue)

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St. George: 9—W. Glachen.

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16—Dunn 20—M. Leabetter 21—H. Williams 22—D. McKay
12—W. Galloway

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16—J. Simmons

25—P. Macfarlane 5—J. Wallace 29—R. Campbell

15—R. Jennings 27—J. Lyon 18—M. Allan

14—Twine 23—Ellis

W. Dey

Goal:

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was met at the station by United officials, and turned out in their colors against his own side. He had been suddenly transferred.

There is a great deal of room for improvement in Soccer as it is played and conducted to-day, and the transfer system is one of the first things to be tackled. No club should be allowed to have more than a certain number of pros. on their books, and transfers should be limited to the first half of the season, except in the case of a star player being incapacitated. These last-minute transfers are an admission of incompetence by club managers. Surely clubs should be made to pay for that?

Fees also should be kept within limits. If the player himself receives a large proportion of the fee, one would say nothing about it, for he would be reaping the benefit of his own skill. But for football clubs to make a business out of the raising of players—not for themselves but for sale to richer sides—is too far removed from sport to be allowed.

There is another point I should like to raise, and this is of the greatest importance in view of the coming English tour. What about the revision of the off-side rules? As they stand at present they are bad for the game as a spectacle. Thanks to the brains of Bill McCracken, the old Newcastle back, if thanks are due every team now plays the one-back game, and nearly promising forward movement is ruined by the referee's whistle. Even the Football Association's greybeards have realised this at last, and several experimental games have been played to exploit the two alternative amendments.

One is that there should be a line drawn 40 yards from each goal in which the present rule is operative. The other is that only two defenders must be between an attacking player and the goal for him to be safe from off-side.

The two defenders' idea is the better one, because it simplifies matters and simplicity is needed not only for the benefit of the spectator, but also the referee.

What is of chief interest to us is that an alteration be made before the start of this tour. Thank goodness, there is nothing hide-bound about Australian sporting

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crowds. They weren't afraid to experiment with the eight-ball over at cricket, and they will welcome the new off-side rule. From an English point of view, the cricket experiment was a failure, but at least we have had the opportunity of testing it thoroughly. Let us hope the new football reform will be tried out in the same tolerant and unbiased atmosphere.

Of one thing I am sure. No better team of young English footballers could have been chosen to demonstrate the advantages of the new proposals.

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There is no doubt about us finding some talent in our Juniors. The centre forward of Cen. Sports will be playing against England in the near future. Bondi Waratah C Grade have outside left in Jock Hayes takes some beating.

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The All-Age competition bringing out some classy players. The selectors are keeping eyes well open, and have already earmarked some players for presentation in the Association Cup.

do you think of the family? They scored the against Tingira last Saturday the B Grade. Fred at right potted 5, and Claud half scored one from a

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forget the big dance at on June 3rd, in honor English footballers, who present. Try and sell as tickets as you can. Make function the success it to be. Ring Wav. 2544

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still do with some re- will those gentlemen who give their services ate with our Secretary, Avenue, Bondi? Teams of boys seem to good form to argue with during the match. it, it is not done!

PETITION TABLES.

All Age							
P	B	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
3	1	2	—	—	8	3	6
3	—	2	—	1	23	5	5
3	—	1	1	1	11	8	3
3	1	—	2	—	1	18	2
3	1	—	2	—	2	11	2
B Grade							
3	3	—	—	15	2	6	
3	2	1	—	8	6	4	
3	2	1	—	16	6	4	
3	1	2	—	3	10	2	
3	1	2	—	11	16	2	
3	—	3	—	5	22	0	
C Grade							
3	1	2	—	—	6	2	6
3	—	2	—	1	9	3	5
3	—	1	1	1	11	5	3
3	—	1	2	—	4	11	2
3	—	1	2	—	5	10	2
2	1	—	1	—	1	2	2
2	1	—	1	—	1	4	2

Programme**CANTERBURY v. ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT****FIRST GRADE — IBROX PARK — 3.15 p.m.****CANTERBURY**

(Blue and Gold Stripes)

Goal:

Bailey

1—McLaren	2—W. Brawn		
3—E. Loveridge	4—R. Robinson	5—A. Forbes	
6—A. Burns	7—Howard	9—R. Bennett	10—J. Clarke
		8—S. Alewood	

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8—L. Brisbane

10—R. Osborne	9—J. Burcham	7—G. Turner	21—T. Ryan
5—F. Lambert	4—J. Watson	20—Owen	
13—A. Watson		1—J. Crum	

Cartwright

Goal:

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT
(Black)

Referee: Mr. G. McLay.

Reserves—Canterbury: 11—Manuel; 12—Platt.

SECOND GRADE — 1.45 p.m.**CANTERBURY**Goal:
Folsten

13—Swan	14—Lang			
15—James	16—Read	17—White		
18 Gould	19—Newell	20—Chapman	21—J. Sarchfield	22—Adams
		19—R. Birch		

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18—R. Books	20—S. Quinn	18—W. Park	17—J. Gigg
14—A. Crum	15—D. Downing	3—G. Graham	
16—L. Storey		12—W. Sims	

A. Wyllie

Goal:

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT.

Referee: Mr. F. C. Packer.

Reserves—Canterbury: 23—Clark; 24—Barnes.

NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 30**England v New South Wales****AGRICULTURAL GROUND****Kick-Off 3.15 p.m. sharp****Early Matches from 12 Noon**

Breezy Soccer by English Professionals and Sprightly Australians

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

1st Grade.

Canterbury v Annandale-Leich., Ibrox Park, 3.15.

St. George v Pyrmont, St. George, 3.15.

Balmain v Eastern Suburbs, Waverley Oval, 3.15.

Granville v Gladesville-Ryde, Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, 3.15.

2nd Grade.

Canterbury v Annandale L., Ibrox Park, 1.45.

St. George v Pyrmont, St. George, 1.45.

Balmain v Eastern Suburbs, Waverley Oval, 1.45.

Granville v Gladesville-Ryde, Sydney C. Ground No. 2, 3.15.

CLUB LEAGUE.

A Division.

Annandale-L. v Pyrmont, Easton Park, 3.15 (Mr. S. Boyd).

Lane Cove v Callan Park, Callan Park, 2.15 (Mr. S. Summers).

Auburn v Sunlight, Auburn Park, 3.15 (Mr. G. McGrath).

Balmain Colliery v North Sydney Rangers, Beauchamp Park, 3.15 (Mr. H. Ashby).

B Division.

Botany Albion v Alexandria, Boronia Park, 3.15 (Mr. G. Skelly).

R.A.N. v Bankstown, Lyne Park, 3.15 (Mr. Doidge).

G. R. Holcombe v Eastern Subs., Easton Park, 1.45 (Mr. E. J. Martin).

NEXT SATURDAY'S FIXTURES.

30th May, 1925.

ENGLAND v. N.S.W.

Agricultural Ground—3.15 p.m.

RESULTS OF LAST SATURDAY'S GAMES.

1st Grade.

Granville beat Annandale-Leichhardt 4—1.

Balmain beat Pyrmont 4—1.

Gladesville-Ryde beat Eastern Suburbs 3—1.

St. George beat Canterbury 3—0.

2nd Grade.

Pyrmont beat Balmain 2—0.

Canterbury beat St. George 4—0.

Granville drew with Annandale-Leichhardt 2—2.

Gladesville-Ryde drew with Eastern Suburbs 3—3.

CLUB LEAGUE.

Auburn beat Pyrmont.

Annandale-Leichhardt beat Lane Cove 4—2.

Callan Park beat Balmain Colliery 3—2.

Sunlight drew with North Sydney 3—3.

R.A.N. beat Botany Albions 8—2.

Alexandria beat G. R. Holcombe 4—1.

Bankstown beat Eastern Suburbs 5—1.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

	Goals						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Granville	5	5	0	0	18	3	10
Gladesville	5	4	1	0	13	9	8
Canterbury	5	3	2	0	11	10	6
Balmain	5	3	2	0	12	8	6
Pyrmont	5	2	3	0	8	12	4
Annandale	5	1	3	1	8	12	3
St. George	5	1	3	1	7	9	3
E. Suburbs	5	0	5	0	5	19	0

2nd GRADE

	Goals.						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Balmain	5	4	1	—	9	3	8
Granville	5	3	—	2	11	3	8
Canterbury	5	3	1	1	10	5	7
Ann-Leichhardt	5	2	1	2	4	3	6
Pyrmont	5	2	2	1	6	7	5
Gladesville-Ryde	5	1	2	2	11	12	4
Eastern Suburbs	5	—	4	1	4	13	1
St. George	5	—	5	—	2	11	0

CLUB LEAGUE

A Division

	Goals.						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Auburn	4	4	—	—	8	1	8
Pyrmont	4	2	1	1	9	4	5
Balmain Colliery	4	2	1	1	7	4	5
Sunlight	3	1	—	2	9	7	4
N. Syd. Rangers	4	1	2	1	7	7	4
Callan Park	3	1	2	—	6	7	2
Annandale-L. . . .	4	1	3	—	4	10	2
Lane Cove	4	—	4	—	5	15	0

B Division

	Goals.						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Botany Albions	4	3	1	—	18	9	6
R.A.N. . . .	4	3	1	—	26	8	6
Alexandria	4	3	1	—	20	6	6
Bankstown	4	3	1	—	15	5	6
Eastern Suburbs	4	—	4	—	3	27	0
G. R. Holcombe	4	—	4	—	3	30	0

REMEMBER!

TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS

NEXT FRIDAY.

Public Welcome

TO ENGLISH SOCCER TEAM,

at Sydney Town Hall.

Admission—1/-.

ENGLAND v. N.S.W.

at

Agricultural Ground.

NEXT SATURDAY,

at 3.15.

Early Matches from 12 Noon.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Why is there so much antagonism towards district senior clubs and junior associations. The reason is raised sky-high that the success of the district scheme is to bring up the clubs under the control of the junior associations. Such an unworthy motive can only be put forward by men not conversant with the objective of the original district scheme. The decentralisation is to create interest, and thus gain support for the clubs. The junior association's part in the scheme will provide the nursery from which the future international stars will be drawn. District clubs, by bringing the senior organisations together, necessarily be the controllers of each area. Harmonious relations of the seniors and juniors are essential to success. If the club is financially strong, it naturally follows that the junior organisation affiliated to it will benefit to the extent believed of some of its financial commitments. In the first matches the district clubs will receive £131/17/10, equal to about 25 per cent. of the gate receipts. The time goes on and the standard of play is advanced, public participation will increase and the prosperity of the district will also participate.

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Oscar Lind, who was instrumental in establishing junior football in Metropolis as far back as 1914, and who afterwards joined the Sydney District Club from 1914 to 1918, is the general editor of the Sydney "Daily Graph." Last week-end he was at Gerringong on the South Coast reporting the motor race for the big Sydney journal. At the present time he has been handling championships, Australasian polo, Gaelic Schools' rowing, boxing and motor cycling. He still finds it possible to play the dribbling game the push deserves. "O.L." has his annual leave in order and may be present in Sydney to welcome the Englishmen.

ADVERTISING RATE

(Soccer News)

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be arranged.

Protestant Churches Association

Saturday the Churches entered Kearsley F.C. (of the Burwood Association) right. They were met on arrival at the Sydney Railway Station by Messrs. R. H. Henry, R. G. M. and E. C. Meyers. After breakfast they were shown War Museum and Parliament House. At the Sports Club they were warmly welcomed by Mr. N.S.W. S.F. Aspinwall. Mr. S. Stack, who in the great benefit to be derived from inter-district matches, spoke about the coming year.

In the match a dinner was given to the visitors in the Botany School Hall, with Rev. Smith in the chair. From the speeches it was evident that there would probably be two teams from the Churching Kearsley on the June holiday. This function also served to bring goodwill existing between city and country play. Practical items were rendered by Jones, Snr., E. Gorman, R. H. Henry and others. The match terminated with a draw.

The Churches' Hon. and Registrar saw the report for Kearsley.

Churches' Players.

Kearsley team put it all in maroons for the first fifteen, at the end of which they were two up. This was the score. In the second half, Capt. Killick and the Churches, but gave the visitors an easy one, the final score, 3—2, on the whole a true reverse.

He between the sticks, some great saves, and the pick of the Churchers. However, he'll need his laurels this year, and Moules are playing.

has made a good and played a fine game. He played his usual but miskicked a few times. He'll probably be seen again.

He could have bucked more. W. Craig was much of preserving his club match to-day, do himself justice.

Beardsman played his best game this year, but was not up to his All Souls' standard. Erskine was generally where he was needed.

Ridge is very fast, but rather on the small side, and W. Roberts has a similar failing. Of course, he's not so fast. Duprey played about the best forward game. Capt. Killick was not what he used to be, but still he netted one of our goals. S. Heyward did all that was required.

The game was admirably handled by Mr. Referee Leo Scott.

The early match, the Rest v. the Probables, was brimful of dullness, the only players on the field worth speaking of being the rival goalies.

Last Saturday.

J. Watson and Minton were in good form for Lakemba Congs. A last week. Though M'kville Pres. A accounted for St. Andrews 2—1, Mathews of the latter team was the best player on the field.

Evans and Morgan, Turner and Turnbull did good work in the L'hardt Meth. v St. Aidans A match.

Weight alone enabled St. Bedes to beat Balmain Meth. 4—1.

An Apology.

This paper extends an apology to Central Concord Meth. Last week we intimated that they had been towelled 13—0. It was the reverse—they won.

Botany Methodists' F.C.

The Churches' Association desires to publicly thank Botany Meth. F.C. for the wholehearted manner in which they backed up the Association last week in connection with the Kearsley visit. Especially do we thank the ladies for their unselfish and untiring efforts. The action of the Church Trust in placing two rooms at our disposal for dressing accommodation was also greatly appreciated.

13th June.

Last week we asked you to keep Saturday, 13th June, free. On that date, in the I.O.O.F. Temple, Elizabeth Street, City, a dance and euchre party will be held, to augment the funds of the Association. Early next week each team will receive by post ten tickets (2/- each), which they are asked to do their best to dispose of.

Orchestra Wanted.

Tenders are invited for an orchestra (piano, drums and violin), to play at the above function from 7.45 to 8 p.m. Tenders close with Mr. R. H. Henry, at the Sports Club on 1st June.

Representative Matches.

The Churches' management has decided to send a rep. first grade team to Kearsley over the June holiday. This team will leave Sydney at 2.10 p.m. on the Sunday, returning to Sydney on the Tuesday morning about 6 p.m.

A combined first and second grade team will be sent to Goulburn on the same date, leaving Sydney about 8 p.m. on the Sunday, and returning on the Tuesday morning.

The Association will pay the fares, but players' expenses will run to about 10/- per head. Team secretaries are asked to forward to the Association a list of their players prepared to make either trip. The teams will be selected on Tuesday night.

2nd Grade.

Applications, to be lodged with Mr. R. H. Henry, at the Sports Club not later than 1st June, are invited from clubs in 2nd grade (any division) to visit Kearsley over the June holiday, at their own expense. The team will travel with the first grade representative team. The expenses would be about 30/- to 35/- per man. The Association will arrange the travelling and will provide a manager.

Draw for Saturday, 30th May.

All matches are suspended out of courtesy to our English visitors. It is expected that all players registered with the P.C.S.F.A. will attend the English match, thus supporting the greatest venture of the Soccer authorities in Australia.

R. McKechnie.

Teams will be glad to hear that Mr. R. McKechnie is well on his way towards recovery. Mac—the popular Hon. Secretary of Marrickville Pres. A and B—has been seriously ill. We can ill afford to lose such a good and cheerful worker for the code, so get about as soon as you can, Mac.

In Honour of the English Footballers

(who will be present)

A Grand Gala Dance

will be held by the Eastern Suburbs District Club and Association at the
 "CASINO," BONDI BEACH,
 ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1925.

Spend a memorable night never to be forgotten, with the first English Soccer Team to visit Australia. Tickets on sale at door.

Gent's 7/-; Ladies 5/-. We pay tax.

Dancing from 8 till 12.15 a.m. (Dress optional).

E. L. MYERS, M.C.

H. ROBERTSON, President.

F. E. HAYNES, Hon. Secretary.

REFEREES WANTED FOR SCHOOL GAMES.

The rapid advance of Soccer in the schools augurs well for the future of the code. The great need, however, is for referees, not only to carry out the customary duties, but at the same time to impart knowledge of the rudiments of the game to the youngsters. Speaking generally, the boys from the primary and technical schools have a splendid idea of how Soccer should be played, but, in a number of instances, expert coaching is required.

In years past the Sydney Referees' Association were in the fortunate position of having members available for mid-week matches, and they rendered valuable service to the controllers of public school sport by officiating in the games.

The Sydney Referees' Association is desirous of still assisting in the direction indicated, but as the members are invariably engaged in business duties when the school games are played, it has been impracticable to overcome the difficulty.

The Referees' Association would be pleased to get in touch with anyone competent to control the school games, and thus assist a most worthy section of Soccer activities.

To those who are available for school matches during the work-a-day week this appeal for referees is specially commended. The Hon. Secretary's address is: Mr. E. E. Jones, Sports Club, Hunter Street, Sydney.

Help the Schoolboys.

The following letter was received by the Sydney Referees' Association, which brings forcibly under notice the urgency of immediate assistance:

The Secretary,
 Soccer Referees' Association,
 Sydney.

Dear Sir,—

Being an enthusiastic Soccerite, I like to watch a game at every possible opportunity. Yesterday, whilst viewing the schools' game in the Domain during the lunch-hour, I was surprised to see the match being "refereed" (after a fashion) by a mere boy, who appeared very little older than the players themselves. Upon inquiry I learned that the teachers (who were there) knew little or nothing about Soccer except that the referee "blew a whistle occasionally." I asked the teachers if application had ever been made to the Referees' Association for a competent man to referee the Wednesday school games, and they looked so surprised that I think they doubt such an institution ever existed. Later they replied in the negative.

Now, here is a golden opportunity for a referee to help the game of Soccer and the many schoolboys how to be played. It may be, that none of the referees your control can spare to referee the Wednesday games, in which case you perhaps be able to secure services of some capable connected with the Men's Association. Should the of obtaining a referee successful, I would then see you make enquiry for men through the medium "Soccer News," which is read. Surely there are soccerites who would glad their services in this way. You be successful in such, I am sure the students and teachers would be useful. You are no doubt the best method of getting in touch with the sportsmen the various schools.

Had I the time to spare willingly offer my services. I sincerely hope the matter sent no difficulties to you. Boys are very keen, and good for the game that they be badly handled than want of a capable referee.

Trusting to see good my suggestion.

Yours faithfully,
 A. M.

JUNIOR BOARD OF CONTROL.

MEMBERS' INSURANCE FUND.

The Junior Board of Control (Metropolitan) has adopted a scheme for the insurance of junior players. It is detailed here for the benefit of junior officials and members.

This fund inaugurated by the Junior Board of Control (Metropolitan) shall be to assist in a satisfactory way players injured while playing as hereinafter provided.

Claims will only be considered from players duly registered in the books of any Association affiliated to this Board, injured while playing in games sanctioned by their respective associations or the Junior Board of Control (Metropolitan), and any Inter-association matches sanctioned by the South Wales Soccer Association. The fund not to apply to matches controlled by any association.

Claims shall be made personally by a report to the Secretary of the Board not later than Monday following the match at which the injury occurred, such report to be accompanied by a report endorsed by the Captain Secretary, or officer of the club together with a medical certificate. In the event of the player being unable, through being incapacitated, to make a personal report to the Secretary of the Board, he should be notified, when a report may be accepted from some person authorised by the club.

The Trustees shall have the power to call upon any claimant before them personally in connection with any claim made against the fund.

No claim will be allowed if a player takes part in any game within eight (8) days after the injury for which claim is made. The fund shall be administered by a trust of five appointed by the Junior Board of Control who shall meet regularly with all claims and other business of the fund.

Subscriptions shall be four shillings (-/-) per player per season, understood by the affiliations, entitling a player

to an allowance of fifteen shillings (15/-) per week, or eight shillings (-/-) per player per season entitling him to one pound ten shillings (£1/10/-) per week.

7. No player shall be allowed to subscribe more than 8/- per week.

8. Allowances shall not be made to any one player for more than thirteen weeks in all in any one season.

9. In the event of claims at any time absorbing all income further benefits shall cease, and members subscribe on this understanding.

10. Any player claiming allowance for any period beyond one week, shall produce a renewal or further medical certificate which in the view of the Trustees justifies a further allowance, and so on from week to week.

11. Each subscriber shall receive a receipt for monies paid into the fund, such to be evidence that players subscribe to the fund in accordance with these regulations and for proof of his being a member entitled to participate in payment for injuries received.

12. Players can make application to the Hon. Secretary for their respective associations, who have power to receive subscriptions to the fund, but all claims must be made direct to the Trustees as provided for in Rule 3 and all payments will be made direct by the Hon. Secretary of the Board, and not through affiliated associations.

The officials of the Metropolitan Junior Association were so interested in the scheme, that they requested the executive of the Board to attend their annual meeting and explain the details. This example might be followed by other junior associations.

SYDNEY REFEREES' ASSOCIATION.

Referees controlling 1st grade, 2nd grade and Club League fixtures of the M.S.F.A. competitions are requested to forward their reports direct to the Hon. Registrar, M.S.F.A., Sports Club, Sydney, to reach him not later than the Monday evening following the fixture.

E. E. JONES,
Hon. Secretary.

DISQUALIFIED ASSOCIATION.

The Metropolitan Association has had considerable trouble this season in the St. George District on account of the antagonism of the St. George Junior Association to the District Club. The Junior Association has refused to assist in any way, and has in fact seriously hindered the attempts of the district club to place a first-class first and second grade eleven in the field, this being essential under the Metropolitan Association's rules.

Many senior players of last season have been granted junior permits, among them being such an outstanding player as G. Milner, a representative of last season, and one of the best forwards in New South Wales. Furthermore, this association has refused to affiliate with either the district club, the Junior Board of Control, or the controlling association. Many players have been requested to play by the district club, but backed by the Junior Association have refused to do so, the consequences being that the St. George Club has been unable to field a full second eleven, and has, in fact, forfeited two engagements.

The Metropolitan Association has, for some weeks, been trying to effect an amicable settlement between the two bodies, but its efforts have proved fruitless, owing to the militant attitude of the juniors, and it has been compelled to take drastic action.

A motion was carried by the Management Committee declaring the St. George Junior Association an unauthorised Junior Soccer Association, and has disqualified all the players and officials connected therewith.

This action will come as a severe shock to many loyal supporters and players of this area, and in order to explain the position to all those interested, a meeting was arranged of clubs and individuals concerned for Thursday last.

Any player who desires to regain his status can make application to the district club for membership, and, if granted, his disqualification will then automatically cease.

Don't Forget

Public Reception

TO

English Soccer Team

at the

Sydney Town Hall

Next Friday Evening, May 29th, 1925, at 8 p.m.

Concert Programme, Community Singing

Admission 1/- (We Pay Tax) Mr. F. GROSE. Musical Director

METROPOLITAN JUNIOR ASSOCIATION.

The various competitions were advanced a further stage, when a majority of the games decided could reasonably be classed as water polo. The chief place of amusement from a spectator's point of view was at Primrose Park, on the No. 2 area. The state of the ground considerably interfered with the two games played. In the early fixture in the C grade division, Lilyfield met Wentworth Juniors, who were both unbeaten, and considering the conditions the game was really good. At half-time Juniors led by 2—0; the second half was very strenuously contested, and after Swadling had reduced the lead, the game sparkled, and right to the end the game was in doubt till Juniors' inside left enticed Lilyfield's goalkeeper, Walthers into a pond of water on the goal-line. The ball passed into the goals. Walthers was next seen swimming for safety into higher territory. Juniors won 3—1 after a good game, and now lead their

opponents by one point. It is a pity some filling is not put on this ground, as it is full of pot holes. If not soon remedied, a life-saving club will need to be in attendance, with the necessary rescuing tackle. Botany beat Annandale Athletic in the late game by 4—1. Heavy rain occurred during this game, and it was difficult to discern some of the players in the bad light. Botany are a clever little team, and should contest the ultimate final.

On No. 1 Ground the conditions were much better, there being no water noticeable, and in the first game Banksmeadow were victorious over Punch Park to the extent of 2 goals to nil, after a very good game, in which the winners dominated the game. The latter match, Leichhardt and Glebe Diamonds, was a very poor exhibition of the game for All-age contestants. The former team were always on the move, and eventually won by 6—1.

At Algie Park, Lilyfield B team defeated Annandale Federals after one of the best games seen on this Park, by the narrow margin of 2 to 1. Thompson, from a

penalty, netted the winning goal. Lilyfield are now level with Zetland Waratahs, on the top of the competition table.

Two teams in the A grade competition remain undefeated, they are Easton Park and Lilyfield; the latter have a draw with the former, and are one point behind the Easton Park team. While the B grade competition has not yet begun, the C grade division 1 has an unbeaten team, Wentworth Juniors, who have a drawn game to their credit, and lead Lilyfield and Zetland Waratahs by one point.

All fixtures of the above competition have been suspended until Saturday, the 30th May, on account of the England v. South Wales at the Agricultural Ground.

The Association desires that all players take advantage of the date and witness the fixture.

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Alexandria have had their ground rearranged, and is a splendid playing area.